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**Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR USER AUTHENTICATION, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH THE PROGRAM IS RECORDED**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respond herein to the restriction requirement mailed 11/06/2008 and also request entry of the included preliminary amendment of the claims.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 6, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group A, claims 25-33, drawn to a method by which multiple servers authenticate to one another and share polices. This election is made without traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 34-41, drawn to a method of registering new users into a network; and claims 42-49, drawn to a method of authenticating a user to network resources.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0457.